

Members Report NDQSA Board of Directors Meeting May 6, 2025

A regular teleconference board of directors (BOD) meeting was held on May 6, 2025.

The Schwab Memorial Trust Fund account now has a market value of \$22,985. The special flyer has contributed to dues and donations increases. All other expenses are in line with the previous year.

The NDQSA bench, engraved with our name and Vietnam dates, that will go to the ADA Training Support Facility was ordered March 10th with an 8-10 week delivery schedule. Mitchell Stout's sister has requested that the Medal of Honor presented to her mother be given to the Air Defense Artillery Branch and School at Fort Sill for display and preservation.

Instead of the usual reunion speakers, this year's banquet speech is going to focus on Quad 50s and their service in Vietnam. Jackie Carver, who has talked about his experiences at several active-duty events and is always well received, will tell his story. Bob Lauver will talk about the battle for Hue during the 1968 offensive and the Quad support to the Marines. Then Barney Barnes, a United States Marine who fought in that engagement, will tell his story about the importance of the support they received from the Air Defenders during those critical days.

The secretary reviewed for the board his role in the Family Outreach Program. Usually, he finds out someone has passed away based on obituary research when a newsletter is returned by the post office. He notifies the Family Outreach committee and provides known information that may help them. He maintains a suspense file for one newsletter cycle to ensure that the spouse, regardless of status, gets the USPS newsletter that has her husband's TAPS tribute as a way of showing her our respects and to also provide her with a tribute memento honoring her husband. He also tries to post condolences on behalf of NDSQA on the mortuary's website, if he finds out before the services are held or shortly afterwards.